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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c), which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Provisional Application No. **60/162,226** filed on **October 29, 1999**.

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For: **AUTOMATED SCAN PROCESSING**

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of **twenty-six (26)** pages
- Eight **(8)** sheet(s) of formal drawings
- Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow

A statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

Preliminary Amendment

Information Sheet

~~Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)~~

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

✓ **--This application claims priority on provisional Application No. 60/162,226 filed on October 29, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference...**

Other:

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The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

A check in the amount of **\$1112.00** to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

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